

Conygers July 30<sup>th</sup> July 1777  
Banks Delaware

My dear Mary

The army march'd in three <sup>south</sup> ~~columns~~ <sup>columns</sup> along  
by the Delaware & one to Smiths Forge, one to  
this place and one to Lenton. to make a  
junction, at Bristol - or some place in  
the neighbourhood of Philadelphia - the  
enemy whom we supposed were going to  
Philadelphia, are not yet. At the latest  
if they do not appear there by tomorrow  
evening we shall with great propriety  
think he is gone to Boston or Providence  
we are now within 32 miles of Philad<sup>a</sup>  
thence we can reach in a day or half  
we shall wait here for some decisive intelligence  
between equals in the art of war the  
conduct of myn might be extremely  
justifiable, - but when he is making war  
against people so infinitely inferior to him  
in point of knowledge and Courage - "a  
parcel of ragged & half starved collected  
ill-armed and weak disciplined" one could suppose



suppose his first point would be to find such a  
divided map and put them to the vote and the  
sword — that would be perfectly consistent with  
the Character of an Invader whose business it is to  
meet his opponents as soon as he can find them  
— but his conduct is very different and in spite of  
the overbearing expressions and contemptuous treatment  
of the Cornish Britons, his treatment of us is  
very like an equal or superior enemy —  
indeed if he goes to Phil: our force will be  
so ~~very~~ respectable as to render his getting  
possession of the city precarious and his enjoyment  
of it unsafe — if he goes to the eastward  
we shall be able to bring such a force as  
will be the bone of the Country and the blessing  
of the Nation and will ruin him provided  
he ventures only there — I was in  
doubt that the campaign would have been as decepti-  
ve as one could have wished and it would have  
been so had it not been for the  
restoration of the situation of our affairs to the  
Northward — we have heard nothing



from there then from days past — Grant's brigade  
has gone up — so that now all the Massachusetts  
troops are there — Lincoln has where the whole  
army is also gone — except some unlucky  
bells should move the army they are so much  
be superior to Genl. Burnside — "who can  
the minister of conscience and justice" —  
You see his high sounding proclamations  
the most pretty bombastic things in the world  
and yet pretty well calculated to answer  
his purpose — — if the people of this  
land that sturdy virtues still remaining  
that they have when the war first commenced  
— Buzorgu must and will be  
ruined — — endeavor to awaken  
a new sense of duty and let them regard  
themselves like men

Adieu My Dear Mary  
Wm —



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Letter from my  
friend Mr.  
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